

[54] **CREDIT/CALLING CARD PAY TELEPHONE METHOD AND SYSTEM EMPLOYING TELEPHONE UNIT LOCAL CARD-CHECKING AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE COOPERATIVE WITH LOCAL PERSONAL HOST COMPUTER**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A credit/calling card pay telephone method and system, employing appropriate expanded local intelligence at the telephone instrument unit for enabling local card checking and call transaction record keeping, and interfacing with a PC host computer periodically automatically to transmit batches of such records to the computer for locally generating customer billing thereat.

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